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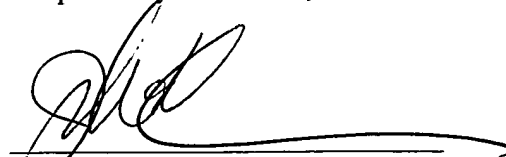
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In compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and 37 CFR 1.97 applicant offers the below-listed references for consideration. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), this IDS is offered within three months of the filing date of the application. No fee is due.

Submitted herewith is a PTO Form 1449. Also submitted are copies of:

1. Search report issued by the German Patent Office on application number 100 43 985.3;
2. DE-4-221-918-C2, Relevance "Y" cited in the German Search Report;
3. DE-196-06-028-A1, Relevance "Y" cited in the German Search Report;
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6. US-5,687,262, Michael P. Buchin, for HIGH-SPEED ELECTRO-OPTICAL MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER;
7. US-4,583,820, Flamand, et al., for WAVELENGTH MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER USING OPTICAL FIBERS;

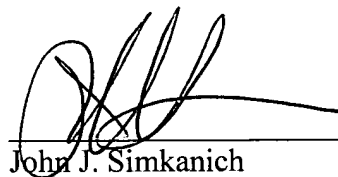
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12. US-4,740,951, Lizet, et al., for REVERSIBLE DEVICE FOR THE MULTIPLEXING OF SEVERAL LIGHT SIGNALS IN INTERGRATED OPTICS.
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14. 09033749-A, Japanese Patent Abstract, Ogoshi Sellchi, for OPTICAL MULTIPLEXER;
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17. US-4,699,453, Harold Roberts, for MONOLITHIC FIBER OPTIC COUPLER HAVING TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTING SURFACE;
18. US-4,441,784, Hans-Erdmann Korth, for PARABOLOIDAL COUPLER FOR LIGHT WAVE GUIDES;
19. US-4,422,714, Benoit, et al., for ELLIPSOIDAL OPTICAL COUPLING DEVICE;
20. US-4,701,010, Harold Roberts, for UNITARY BODY OPTICAL COUPLER;
21. US-4,693,544, Yamasaki, et al., for OPTICAL BRANCHING DEVICE WITH INTERNAL WAVE GUIDE;
22. US-4,744,618, Hans F. Mahlein, for OPTICAL DEVICE FOR USE AS A MULTIPLEXER OR DEMULTIPLEXER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIFFRACTION GRATING PRINCIPLE;
23. US-3,883,223, Marshall C. Hudson, for COUPLER FOR OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM;
24. US-6,563,980, Dultz, et al., for METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SPECTRAL LEVEL BALANCING IN WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX MULT-CHANNEL SYSTEMS;
25. English translation of abstracts for DE 19606028, DE 4221918, and DE 4008483;
26. US-5,420,946, Tsai, for MULTIPLE CHANNEL OPTICAL COUPLING SWITCH;
27. US-6,213,650, Moriyama, et al., for METHOD OF MAKING OPTICAL MODULE;

28. US-6,456,756, Mead, et al., for FIBER RAMAN AMPLIFIER PUMPED BY AN INCOHERENTLY BEAM COMBINED DIODE LASER;
29. US-6,516,115, Fujita, et al., for TWO-WAY OPTICAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND TWO-WAY OPTICAL COMMUNICATION APPARATUS;
30. US-6,584,102, Lu, for COMMUNICATION NETWORK APPARATUS AND METHOD;
31. US-6,198,864, Lemoff, et al., for OPTICAL WAVELENGTH DEMULTIPLEXER; and
32. US-6,493,124, Haberkorn, for LOOPING BACK SIGNALS IN OPTICAL SWITCHES.

REMARKS ON RELEVANCY

Documents in English are provided. Foreign documents have an English translation of the abstract. Foreign language documents include international relevancy designations. The requirements specified by MPEP 609A(3) and 37 CFR 1.98 are considered to have been satisfied.

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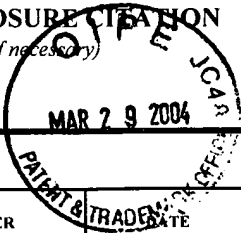


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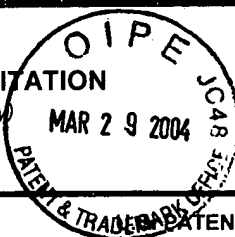
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	DE 19745323 A1	5-6-1999	Germany				✓
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